

REMARKS

Applicant, by the amendments presented above, has made a concerted effort to present claims which clearly define over the prior art of record, and thus to place this case in condition for allowance.

Drawings

Applicant submits herewith replacement drawing sheets containing an amended Figure 4, with additional reference numerals 11, 11A and 11B, showing the user-rupturable bag, and additional figure numbered as Figure 6, which shows an industry-standard portable gas analyser. Therefore, it is requested that the Examiner's objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections

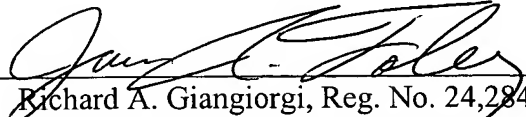
In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 5-10, but indicated that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 4 and 5, therefore it is expected that Claim 1 be allowed, as well as those claims which depend therefrom.

In view of the above Amendments and Remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims of the application are allowable over the rejections cited in the Office Action. Should the present claims not be deemed adequate to effectively define the patentable subject matter, the Examiner is respectfully urged to call the undersigned attorney of record to discuss the claims in an effort to reach an agreement toward allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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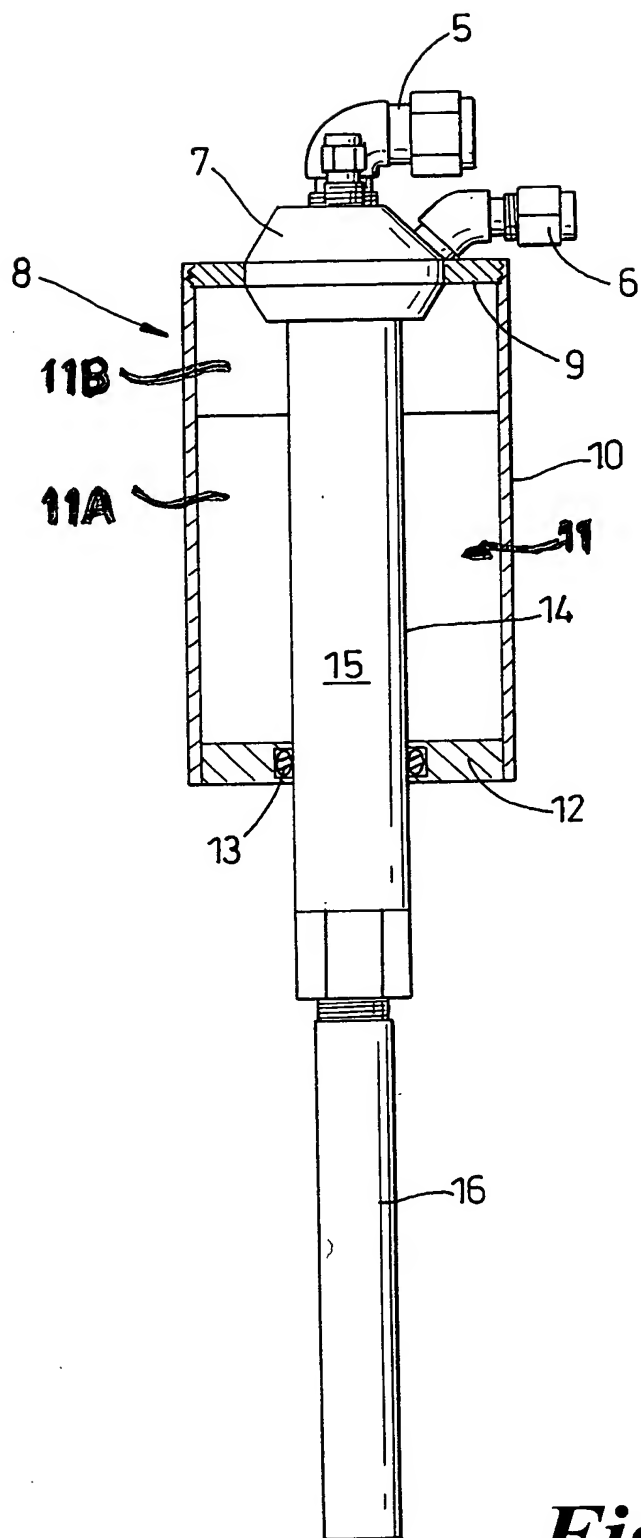


Fig 4

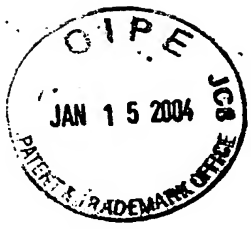


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